

HOUSE BILL NO. 324

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EASTMAN

Introduced: 2/16/22

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to an education program about victims of communism."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.07.180 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (p) The department shall develop and approve a social studies program
5 relating to victims of communism for grades six through 12. The program must

6 (1) provide at least 45 minutes of instruction relating to victims of
7 communism and the following leaders:

8 (A) Mao Zedong, The People's Republic of China;

9 (B) Joseph Stalin, former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

10 (C) Fidel Castro, Cuba;

11 (D) Vladimir Lenin, former Union of Soviet Socialist
12 Republics;

13 (E) Ho Chi Minh, North Vietnam; and

14 (F) Nicolas Maduro, Venezuela;

15 (2) include topics on how the victims of communism suffered under

1 the regimes listed in (1)(A) - (F) of this subsection through suppression of speech,
2 poverty, starvation, imprisonment, migration, and systemic lethal violence against
3 civilians; and

4 (3) provide the instruction on November 7 of each year, or as close as
5 practicable to November 7.